

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JON SONJU**, on January 5, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 31, 1/2/2007  
Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 31**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:12 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 31, Increase new motor vehicle arbitration fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:05 Pam Bucy, Department of Justice  
[EXHIBIT](#)(trh03a01)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:11 Mona Jamison, General Motors  
00:16:46 Aidan Myhre, Auto Alliance

**Informational Testimony:**

00:17:51 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:36 Rep. Furey  
00:20:35 Rep. Hilbert  
00:22:03 Chairman Sonju  
00:24:11 Rep. Wilson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:43 Rep. Kottel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:30 P.M.

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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